

**No. R-322. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating innkeepers Brian and Leslie Mulcahy on their outstanding record of accomplishment at the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford.**

(S.C.R.37)

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Martel of Waterford,

*Whereas*, in 1795, Samuel Hodby realized that Lower Waterford village was situated at the midpoint of the major trade routes extending from Montreal, Quebec to both Portland, Maine and Boston, Massachusetts, and

*Whereas*, being a clever entrepreneur, he opened the Samuel Hodby Tavern, a general store where overnight hospitality was also offered, and

*Whereas*, in 1825, Jonathan Cummings built a home and shop next door, and

*Whereas*, in 1834, Fred Cross and O.G. Hale purchased both facilities, and the merged properties welcomed overnight guests until 1912, and the buildings resumed their historic hospitality role in 1957, and

*Whereas*, in 1994, Brian and Leslie Mulcahy became the assistant innkeepers and, in 1997, the owners of the property now known as the Rabbit Hill Inn, and

*Whereas*, under their stellar ownership, this bed and breakfast (B&B) has become a charming 19-room vacation destination, located on a beautiful northern Vermont site, and offering guests delicious food and other great amenities, and

*Whereas*, the accolades that the Rabbit Hill Inn has won under the Mulcahy's stewardship are numerous, including *Boston Magazine's* Best Winter Escapes and Five Best Love Shacks for Romantics and ForbesTraveler.com's Ten Most Romantic B&Bs in the Country, and

*Whereas*, most recently, on January 22, 2016, for the second consecutive year, BedandBreakfast.com, a respected website for finding B&B accommodations worldwide, named Rabbit Hill Inn as one of the Top 10 U.S. B&Bs, truly an impressive award, and

*Whereas*, for 12 years, Rabbit Hill Inn has hosted the Davies Memorial Library's largest fundraiser, the Après Foliage Fest, taking responsibility for all of the elements associated with this major community event, and

*Whereas*, the Rabbit Hill Inn is an admired leader in the hospitality industry and exemplary corporate citizen, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates innkeepers Brian and Leslie Mulcahy on their outstanding record of accomplishment at the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford.